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FINANCIAL CRISIS IN BHEL
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is facing a serious financial crisis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by BHEL to recover its dues from different debtors;

(d) the total amount recovered from them till date; and

(e) the total dues still remain?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Some of the important steps taken by BHEL to recover its dues are as under:

Ã˜ Consent follow up of debtors through the mechanism of a task force having members from Corporate Office, business sectors and manufacturing units;

Ã˜ Inclusion of BHEL in the scheme being worked out for settlement of old outstanding duesfrom SEBs, through interest bearing bonds as recommended by Montek Singh Ahluwalia Committee, has been taken up with Ministry of Power and Finance.

(d) & (e): BHEL`s total sundry debtors at the beginning of financial year 2000-2001 wereRs.4783 crores comprising of Rs.2854 crores of collectible debts and the balance Rs.1929 crores of deferred debts. By the end of September 2001, the company had reduced the collectible outstandings by Rs.279 cores and deferred debts by Rs.39 crores.